***Tour de Russia***

ALPHA - Chernobyl Nuclear Disasterhttp://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSRC1\_OZPIg

1. When did this take place? Where?
2. About how many people worked at the nuclear plant?
3. What was the apparent cause of the nuclear disaster?
4. Describe the scene that the reporter in the helicopter witnessed?
5. How did the Soviet government react to the situation?
6. What was the impact on the residents of Pripyat? Give an example.

BRAVO - Ukrainian President Dioxin Poisoning http://seedmagazine.com/content/article/the\_poisoning\_of\_ukraines\_president/

1. What is the President’s name?
2. Describe what happened?
3. According to the article, who appears to be a likely suspect? Why? Explain.
4. How has Russia responded to this event or the allegations?

CHARLIE - Aral Sea http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GqZQyrPoqY

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DELTA - Vladimir Putin: Russia's Once and Future President http://news.yahoo.com/vladimir-putin-russias-once-future-president-105100114.html

1. Do you think that Russians respect Putin? Why? Explain.
2. What does Putin represent to Russians?
3. Describe the (cult of) personality that Putin attempts to convey to the public. Give an example of this.
4. How did he rise to power? Provide details.
5. What do you believe the future of Russia is to be (think in terms of politics, economics or otherwise)?

ECHO - Chechnya Background http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/chechnya/

1. What do you think is the strategic or economic importance of Chechnya?
2. Describe the treatments of Chechens following WWII? Why did this happen?
3. List 3 confrontations with brief descriptions (and respective dates) between Chechens and the Russian government.

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